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SUBJECT: PILOT PLANT WANTED FOR PROCESSING ANIMAL SACRIFICES
DURING MOSLEM PILGRIMAGE

BACKGROUND

AFTER NOTING THAT OVER 500,000 ANIMALS HAD BEEN
SLAUGHTERED AND BULLDOZED INTO THE GROUND DURING PREVIOUS
HAJ PERIOD AND THAT SAG SHOWED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THIS
WASTE AND ATTENDANT PROBLEMS, EMBASSY WROTE TO SAG MINISTER
OF PILGRIMAGE AND RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS, SHEIKH ABDUL
WAHAB, SUGGESTING THAT CARCASSES MIGHT BE PROCESSED
FOR DISTRIBUTION TO WORLD'S MOSLEM POOR, AND OFFERING
ASSISTANCE IN HAVING U.S. FIRMS RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR
EQUIPMENT SUPPLY. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BUT IT IS
NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT MINISTRY PLANS TO IMPLEMENT OUR
SUGGESTION. END BACKGROUND.

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY WILLIAM HADDAD OF
SUKKAR ENGINEERING COMPANY, A LEBANESE FIRM WHICH IS
WORKING ON HAJ MEAT PROJECT. FIRM HAS TURNKEY CONTRACT
TO DESIGN, SUPPLY AND OPERATE INCINERATORS FOR DISPOSAL
OF SACRIFICIAL ANIMALS DURING HAJ RITES. IT ALSO IS
PLANNING A PILOT PLANT TO PROCESS 100 TO 150,000
CARCASSES FOR RENDERING OPERATION FOR SHEEP, CATTLE AND
CAMELS WHICH MUST HAVE HIGH CAPACITY BECAUSE ANIMALS
ARE SLAUGHTERED IN 72 HOUR PERIOD.

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2. HADDAD INVITES OFFERS TO COMPLETE FREEZING, RENDERING

AND PROCESSING PLANT FROM U.S. FIRMS. OFFERS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO HADDAD.

3. HADDAD PLANS TO VISIT U.S. IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST AND CAN BE CONTACTED AT 3055 SOUTH ELMIRA COURT, DENVER, COLORADO. TEL: (303) 751-5937. EMBASSY HAS GIVEN HIM ADDRESS OF USDOC FIELD OFFICE, WHICH HE WILL CONTACT. HOWEVER, HE WOULD APPRECIATE BROCHURES AND OFFERS FROM U.S. FIRMS PRIOR TO VISIT.

4. THIS TO COULD RESULT IN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SALES WITH PROPER RESPONSE.
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